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13 November 1967

MEMORANDUM FOR: THE RECORD

SUBJECT : (RODRIGUEZ, Emilio Americo)
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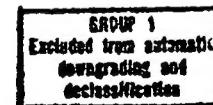
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1. On Thursday evening, 9 November 1967, at approximately 8:45 p.m., the SDO reported that they had received a phone call from Dr. Cassidy (an OMS Contract employee) who was on duty at the Emergency Ward, Fairfax Hospital reporting that one David Francisco CORDOVA had been admitted as a DOA from Dulles Airport. Dr. Cassidy had reported that he recognized several names found among Mr. Cordova's personal papers which led him to believe that Cordova was an Agency employee. An SO Indices search of the name CORDOVA failed to confirm Cordova's Agency affiliation.

2. The undersigned proceeded to the Fairfax Hospital Emergency Ward, arriving at approximately 9:15 p.m. Capt. Greer of the Fairfax County Police Department was contacted and he stated that although the Subject's papers identified him as Mr. CORDOVA, his wedding ring and school ring contained the initials (EAR).⁰⁴ After examining the Subject's identification, it became apparent that the Subject was indeed associated with the Agency in some manner, but his true name could not be determined. The SDO was contacted and requested to alert the CS duty officer and request that he try to identify the alias from CS records. Richard Hanna, WH Security Officer, was also alerted because Subject was obviously a Latin type and was destined for Miami, Florida.

3. Capt. Greer advised that the Subject had been at Dulles International Airport and went to the First Aid room complaining of severe chest pains. He was placed in an ambulance and was still conscious when the ambulance left the airport. However, on his arrival at Fairfax Hospital at 8:30 p.m. he was pronounced dead.

4. After several fruitless phone calls in attempting to

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identify the Subject, the undersigned contacted (Edward Lassin) (469-6389) after a check with SDO showed he was an Agency employee. Mr. Lassin was provided a description of the Subject and the initials (EAR) 04. He identified the Subject as (Emilio RODRIGUEZ) and recommended that the Chief/WH, Mr. William Brof, be notified. Mr. Brof was contacted, advised of the tentative identification of the Subject, and requested that someone who knew the Subject be dispatched immediately to view the remains and make a legal identification. Mr. Brof stated that this would be done. He was also informed that Richard Hanna/SO/WH was enroute to the Hospital to assist and had alerted JMWAVE of the Subject's death.

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5. Capt. Greer, Fairfax Police Department was advised that Subject's true identity was (Emilio Rodriguez) and that we would have someone view the remains and make a legal identification. He was requested to allow Subject's fellow workers to notify the family, in which action he concurred. Capt. Greer stated that an autopsy would be performed and as soon as the coroner determined the cause of death, the body could be claimed by relatives.

6. Mrs. Nancy Hackley, Registrar, Fairfax Hospital, was requested to change all records to reflect the Subject's true name, since he had originally been admitted as Cordova. Mrs. Hackley, who had been extremely cooperative, stated she could change all records except the form which reflected that the Subject had been pronounced dead upon arrival at the Hospital. This form had been signed by a doctor who had gone off duty. She suggested that Mr. Foster, Hospital Administrator, be contacted as he was the only one who could destroy this form. She stated that upon legal identification of Mr. (Rodriguez), she would release all of the Subject's personal effects to the undersigned.

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8. During the attempt to identify the Subject, a member of the press called the hospital to inquire about the DOA. Fortunately, the undersigned had received tremendous cooperation from the staff of the Emergency Ward and the reporter was told that nothing unusual was occurring. In view of this inquiry by the Press, the SDO was told to alert Jake Goodwin, Public Affairs Office.

9. Richard Hanna, WH/SO called JM WAVE at about 1:00 a.m. and notified them of the identification of the Subject. JM WAVE stated they would wait until the morning and notify Mrs. (Rodriguez) *copy 06* Hanna also notified the Chief/WH Division of the positive identification of the Subject.

10. Mr. Foster, Fairfax Hospital Administrator, was contacted on 10 November 1967 regarding the possibility of having all traces of the name Cordova removed from the Hospital records. He stated that it would not be possible to destroy or change a form which was signed by a hospital physician in which he pronounced the Subject dead on arrival. Foster stated that this form in effect was a legal document that he did not feel he could tamper with. However, he stated that such records are confidential and would not be released without consent of the deceased's relatives or a court order.

11. Detective Sanders, Homicide Squad, Fairfax County Police Department contacted the undersigned on 10 November 1967 and stated that the autopsy which he witnessed disclosed that the Subject had died from an "acute coronary thrombosis." He stated a death certificate would be issued showing death from natural causes and that the coroner had released the body. This information was passed to Hanna who stated he would call JM WAVE and advise that arrangements could be made to have the Subject's body returned to Florida.

12. An inventory, copy attached, was made of the Subject's effects and all of his belongings were given to Richard Hanna, SO/WH.

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Attachment:
As Stated

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